



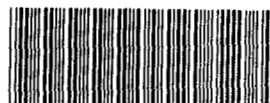
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RE: Mixed Waste Trial Burn
Concerned Scientists/Public
Input

Dear Mr. Whiteman:

On April 29, 1987, EPA scientists and engineers met with Walter Gerash, of Gerash, Robinson, Miller and Miranda, and a group of concerned scientists and engineers regarding specific technical issues related to the proposed trial burn at DOE's Rocky Flats facility. Enclosed is a copy of their concerns as they have posed them to us. Some of the concerns are redundant to comments which have already been forwarded to your office. Other concerns are of a specific enough nature to indicate they have not been previously addressed and need a response. It is apparent that some of the comments have been made due to the fact that the trial burn plans, which were reviewed by the group, did not include complete design criteria for the fluid bed incinerator. Further information may be available at your facility.

These same comments were also submitted to the Colorado Department of Health (CDH), which is developing a condensed list of pertinent or substantial items raised by this group. EPA would like to address each of these specific concerns and would appreciate DOE's response to these issues so that we can accurately represent your position.

We realize the need to move forward with effective and safe waste management decisions at the Rocky Flats facility. We also understand the difficult actions that must be taken to implement waste minimization and management programs at any DOE facility due to the programmatic requirements and jurisdictional authorities of RCRA and CERCLA. We hope this type of scientific community interaction will be a beginning for local understanding of the facility's day-to-day operations and complex waste management problems.

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Please feel free to contact me at (303) 293-1720 or Nathaniel Miullo at (303) 293-1670 should you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,



for Robert L. Duprey, Director
Waste Management Division

Enclosures

cc: Tom Looby, CDH
Walter L. Gerash